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SUBJECT : QATARI IMPLEMENTATION PRODUCTION CUTS

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FROM WHEELLOCK DOHA, DATED NOVEMBER 3

1. BOTH OIL PRODUCING COMPANIES QATAR (SHELL AND QATAR PETROLEUM COMPANY) WERE ORDERED CUT PRODUCTION TEN PERCENT EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 19. CUT TO BE BASED ON SEPTEMBER 1973 OUTPUT. BOTH COMPANIES ANTICIPATE FURTHER CUT OF FIVE PERCENT MOMENTARILY. THERE NO QUESTION BUT THAT GOQ ORDERS WILL BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED. EMBARGO OF SHIPMENTS TO US AND HOLLAND EFFECTED OCTOBER 21. SEVERAL TANKERS SCHEDULED PREVIOUSLY TO US AND DUTCH PORTS HAVE BEEN REDIRECTED ELSEWHERE. THUS FAR, AS OPPOSED TO PRACTICE SOME OTHER PRODUCING STATES, OIL WHICH WAS TO GO TO US OR HOLLAND IS BEING PERMITTED TO BE DIVERTED, RATHER THAN BEING ADDED TO PRODUCTION CUT.

2. THERE NO OFFICIAL PREFERRED OR NON-PREFERRED LIST, ALTHOUGH BRITISH AMBASSADOR SAYS IT CLEARLY INSINUATED TO HIM BY RULER THAT BRITAIN WAS MOST PREFERRED, FOLLOWED CLOSELY BY FRANCE.
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3. HAVE NOT THOUGHT IT PRUDENT TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH RULER, BUT AM CONVINCED HE IN EARNEST ABOUT BOTH CUTS AND EMBARGOS. AT OPENING OF MAJLIS HE DELIVERED A STERN SPEECH AGAINST QTE ENEMIES OF ARABS END QTE, SPECIFICALLY MENTIONING ONLY ISRAEL.

4. BELIEVE THAT QATAR WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW SAUDI LEAD ON OIL POLICY. KHALIFA'S MOTIVES ARE A LONG TERM DESIRE CONSERVE HIS NATION'S CHIEF SOURCE OF WEALTH, AND A SINCERELY AND DEEPLY HELD WISH TO CONTRIBUTE POSITIVELY TO ARAB CAUSE BY PUTTING PRESSURE ON THOSE WHO ARE IN POSITION TO PRESSURE ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW FROM ARAB TERRITORY AND TO OBTAIN MORE CONSIDERATION GENERALLY FOR ARAB POINT OF VIEW.
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